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ASSISTANCE UNDER NEW AGRICULTURE POLICY IN U.P
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) The assistance being provided to various States in the agriculture sector under the New Agriculture Policy; and

(b) The extent up to which it is likely to boost the production in the agriculture sector, State-wise ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRIKANTI LAL BHURIA)

(a)&(b) : National Policy on Agriculture (NAP) 2000 seeks to actualize the vast untapped growth potential of Indian agriculture, strengthen rural infrastructure to support faster agricultural development, promote value addition, accelerate the growth of agro business, create employment in rural areas, secure a fair standard of living for the farmers and agricultural workers and their families, discourage migration to urban areas and face the challenge arising out of economic liberalization and globalization. It aims to attain A growth rate in excess of 4 per cent per annum in the agriculture sector; Growth that is based on efficient use of resources and conserves our soil, water and bio- diversity;

Growth with equity, i.e., growth which is widespread across regions and farmers; Growth that is demand driven and caters to domestic markets and maximizes benefits from exports of agricultural products in the face of the challenges arising from economic liberalization and globalization;

Growth that is sustainable technologically, environmentally and economically.

It also deals with sustainable agriculture, food and nutritional security, generation and transfer of technology, inputs management, incentives for agriculture, investment in agriculture, institutional structure, risk management and management reforms.

It is a policy declaration providing broad guidelines for agriculture development in the country. These guidelines are taken into consideration while formulating Five Year Plan and Annual Plans. The Annual Plan outlays of the Department of Agriculture & Cooperation during the Tenth Plan period-yearwise are as follows:-

(Rs. Crores) Year Approved Outlay (B.E.) 2002-03 2167.00 2003-04 2167.00 2004-05 2650.00

The approved outlays are being allocated among the different schemes for their implementation in the States for boosting the agriculture production.